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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on June 23, 2008, Hugh Wang requested an extension of time for 3 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0962 the required fee of \$525.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 34 has been rejoined with the elected invention as is allowed.

Claims 45, 47 and 49 have been canceled because they are not further limiting in light of the amendment to the base claim.

Claims 37, 38, and 41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a subsequent application as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Claims 100-103 and 137-140 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a subsequent application as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Pierre VanderVegt whose telephone number is (571)272-0852. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-4:00 and Alternate Fridays 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on (571) 272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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